

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

Per Louisiana State Law and the Louisiana Public Health Sanitary Code, all physicians must promptly report any confirmed or suspected case of HIV infection or AIDS to the State Health Officer or designee (below). Reporting is also required of all coroners, medical examiners, nurses, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, laboratory directors, medical records directors, osteopaths, pharmacists, physician assistants, podiatrists, poison control centers, social workers, veterinarians, and other health professionals. (La. Sanitary Code, Part II, Chapter 1, §107-109)

Laboratory directors are required to report the results of all clinically relevant laboratory tests whether or not conducted for diagnostic purposes (e.g. HIV antibody tests, DNA and RNA detection tests, viral cultures, HIV viral load tests, and CD4 counts). (La. Sanitary Code, Part II, Chapter 1, §113)

To report a case, please contact the HAP Field Epidemiologist for your region. He or she will work with you to collect the necessary case information by phone, by mail using a specialized form, or through a field visit and chart review. The Field Epidemiologist also serves as a source of information on HIV/AIDS agencies and services in your area. You may also contact the Field Epidemiologist Supervisor with questions or to identify your regional contact.

REGIONAL FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGISTS

Region	Contact
1 (New Orleans / Chalmette)	James Hubbard 1010 Common St, Ste 1100 New Orleans LA 70112 (504) 568-5453
1 and 3 (New Orleans, Houma)	Connie Gordon 1010 Common St, Ste 1100 New Orleans LA 70112 (504) 599-0496
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